

From the 100th Regiment.

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Unconditional Union Men.

During the past two years a certain class of men in the North—those who claim the Union is king and that "the bug can't be wrong"—and who style themselves "unconditional Union men," that created a new standard of patriotism.

As is well understood, these professed "unconditional Union men" care no more for the Union, than do Jeff. Davis and rebel cohorts, but they employ the phrase for partisan purposes—that Abraham Lincoln and his vast army of office holders, and constantly upon the public treasuries may continue to feast upon the life-blood of the nation. They are nothing for principles of constitutional liberty, and still blind for the despot of the hour, and apostles. To them the Union of sovereigns and tyrant ridden States, with every natural right of the people trampled in dust and every vestige of manhood and independence crushed out, is preferable to the Union as our fathers made it.

Now, this cry about "unconditional Unionism," on the part of the men who have dragged the country into a bloody devastating war and severed the band of fraternity between the States, is a bomb—designed to make unscrupulous and selfish people believe that they better Union men than those who do not support the reign of blood and terror. What is really meant by these Union scoundrels, is that they are for Abraham Lincoln and all the radical measures of administration in preference to the continuation and everything else that these men have been taught to feel suitable the sacred. All sense of right, justice, honor, independence and honor, is sacrificed upon the shrine of office and power, by men who claim such ardent love for the Union. And what is notorious, the great leaders of these boasted "unconditional Union" party, have, for many years, been openly and secretly working for the ruin of the Union.

Such a thing as an unconditional Union never has nor indeed never can exist. When the Union was made by the people of the revolution, it was made a condition. The conditions of the Union set forth in the constitution. There could have been a Union without the acceptance of these conditions by the States.

The fact that these self-styled "unconditional Union men" openly trample upon the constitution in the dust is evidence conclusive of their hatred to the Union, at our glorious revolutionary fathers made it. The men who claim that there can be a Union outside the old constitution Union without a constitution, are dignities of the rank of dogs.

But try these earnest hypocrites, and if they be "unconditional Union men" ask them if they be in favor of the Union as formed by Washington and Jefferson, their compatriots with all the States' rights, the sovereign right to regulate their own affairs and model their own institutions and they will tell you they are opposed to such a thing. What they want and they are trying to accomplish is the destruction of the Union the one I call the States into an empire, or what is the thing, the abrogation of State rights and freedom an enfranchisement of the masses. Such is the object of these professed "unconditional Union" men; and they have consummated their wicked designs by critical professions of Unionism, and false accusations against the real friends of the constitution and Union.

What the Democrats want is a Union with conditions—or in other words a Union with a constitution. They want the old Union as it was, a Union of white and sovereign States, based on order of peace, fraternity, equality and freedom. And if we are not false people the people at the next general election will vote the "unconditional Union" hypocrites dupe and unworthy to hold public confidence. The reign of union, tyranny, and blood is rapidly drawing to a close; and reason and patriotism beginning to assume its wonted sway, the minds of the people.

Election Next Tuesday.

Our municipal election comes off Tuesday, just one week from to-day. It was thought best that no one should himself; hence all desirous of running for office can do so without a violation of the usages. And it would appear that a number of our patriotic citizens are taking themselves of the privilege.

Voters will have candidates to select from, judging from announcements already made. We wish we had the lists of the voters for all our Democratic friends whose names are before the for the various offices. They are, almost and deserving of support, but unfortunately we cannot vote for but one for each office, and find it hard to whom to vote for. And hundreds of are in the same predicament.

But if our friends wish to make a thing of it, we would advise them to for the strongest man, if they can find out.

The Mayoralty.

Mr. Strong having declined to be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor, we believe that public sentiment has already settled down in favor of Mr. Porter for that office.

Mr. Porter has been quite prominently connected with our city government several years and has proved a faithful efficient officer. His ability, integrity and intimate familiarity with the affairs of the city render him a suitable Mayor. The Abolitionists will endeavor to put up a candidate against him.

The results of the last stated in Congress to have been: Expenditure for disability, 75,000; for other 74,000; paid commutation, 41,000; cured substitutes, 34,000; cured, 1,000.

The blood-and-mercury faction of the Republican party are indignant at the feat of their pet, Jim Lane, but will rejoice to learn that the United States is to be freed from the presence of this notorious outlaw and murderer.

Negro Equality.
Many Democrats, and some Rep.

...the
...have got caught up on the
ridiculous Democratic editors for
that the grand design of the leader
Republican party, its Adminis-
to carry on the war until the
are freed and created the same
politically and socially, with-
out

If these doubting persons will
nize of those whose positions in
publican party entitle their views
denied, they will discover that
just grounds for the warnings on
ject.

"Senator Sumner stands at the
of the Republican party in the Sen-
his policies are doubtless appro-
mates of his party. His position
subject of negro equality, is as dis-
tinctive." A few days since he
a series of "harsh resolutions in
on the slavery and negro question
and memorials praying that the
suffrage may be extended to peo-
ple African descent, introduced a
past the Fugitive Slave Act and
tially, negroes to testify in
courts.

The New York Tribune,
and whose editor nominated
Mr. Lincoln President, said it ap-
pears one of the objects aimed
Sumner's resolutions and mem-
orials:

"We ask no other civil rights
for ourselves and our race than we are
willing to concede to every por-
tion of our race."

If it is he not laying down
equality plank in the Republican
we should like to know how they
about it. Greeley and Sumner
members of the party, and no Rep-
he wishes to maintain his stand
party will venture to combat
positions, however radical.

Last week a discussion took place
United States Senate, on the
which exhibited the advantage
taken in this party. Grant re-
clared themselves not only in fa-
voring the negroes and placing them
of equality with white men,
ground in favor of "the colored
races"—which means no more
than amalgamation.

The great move of these Aboli-
tionists after they have succeeded
and elevating the negroes to equal
white citizens, will be to disfra-
degrade citizenship of foreign birth.

Bounties to Veterans

On next Thursday our Board
will meet to consider the propriety
re-entitled to again face the
hardships of another three yea-
paings.

Our county has already done
the way of voting bounties to
volunteering, and we hope it will
do so, as occasion requires.

We insist that there shall be
Will County. The only way to
it to pay a sufficiently large bonu-
by all means, let the necessity be
appropriated to pay liberal boun-
veterans.

Our quota is now nearly full
the Board of Superintendents privi-
cessary funds, for bounties, we
need craft in this county.

Let our rich men and proprie-
be brought to the scratch. Gift
and recruits will be forthwith
property holders will bear the
burden, instead of its being
the elected few, and there will
satisfaction.

STABBING AFFAIR—On Sunday
instant, there was a stabbing
mile west of this city, which re-
sulted in the death of one of the parties.
The two men, named James
Mayer and James Maher, had some-
fight ensued in which Murphy
fractured cut across the abdomen
in a few hours. An inquest was
conducted by Coroner Day, and Maher
committed to jail to await trial.
The deceased was a resi-
dent of Plainfield. Maher was
cage. Both parties were intoxi-
cated. Another terrible warning
practice of drinking to excess.

W. F. BARRETT'S HARDWARE
would remind our readers of the
W. F. Barrett, at his old store
corner of Exchange and Bluff
streets, on hand one of the largest and
of hardware in this part of the
city. He is selling at a reasonable price
his assortment of plates and im-
plements generally offered here
to fathers.

FATHER KEMP'S OLD FOLKS.
are well gladly feed the
that the original Old Folks,
Kemp at their head, are on
this place; and are to give
popular entertainments on Sat-
Feb. 26. One in the afternoon
and the grand farewell con-
certing at 8 o'clock. Children
admitted to the afternoon con-
certs. Young's Hall will be
again to see and hear this group
being the largest and no dis-
turbance in the country.

They bring with them several
sons, among whom are Miss A.
young and charming Ballantine,
Sling masters and pleasing sol-
ving the greater favor where
they appear.

Mr. Whiting, as a vocalist,
equally; while the orchestra
prominent in its skillful accom-
paniment, it is said by all who
there, the most complete enter-
tainment ever produced.

NEW STORE—Mr. George L.
secured the store rooms, formerly
occupied by Col. Curry, on Jefferson
street, making arrangement to fill
them with a large and splendid stock
of goods.

John E. Weber, former
of this city, and successful
important office by our post
Chicago on last Friday morning.

The number of rebel pri-
soners in our hands is officially stated
at 10,000 collected men.

Quotas and Cre

of the census and census
diers furnished by each
State up to October, 1818
join some of those in this
table.

Will	2829
Mankakee	1249
Kendall	1249
Graysville	1249
La Salle	1063
Livingstone	1063
Iroquois	1063
De Page	1067
Greene	1417
Bureau	2258

Since the publication of
General report, a call for
thousand more men has been
is not included in the above
will considerably increase the
The report does not enu-
entering since the 1st of Oc-
There are some unexplai-
the report. For instance,
denied why the Adjutant
states the quota of Will of
population of 29,264, at 2
of Kansas county, with
of 30,024, is only 2,387
nearly 300 against us,
our population is nearly
Perhaps the Adjutant Gen-
favored Kane county in re-
tense Abolitionism. But
unaccountable discrepancy
that requires explanation.

**National Cor-
ruption.**

Occasionally we get a glimpse
in the columns of the agri-
cultural press. There is in
the United States house of representa-
tives a charge of corruption
Sprague's *Republican*, a New
England paper in Massachusetts
—Neither the administration
can stand upon the rank or
rank or corruption. There is
it is not their load unless
if honest and thorough
to the people. The
Administration will be
be responsible for their crimes."

CHICAGO TIMES.—This
claiming of sound principle
beginning the leading jour-
nal. Its influence is now
the Union, and will be po-
the reins of government from
those who have so grossly
reposed in them. No paper
has more reliable friends.
less its circulation or its
arbitrary rulers have on
it.

THE Latest fashion in
can circulate at Washington
to cut their hair off, until
inches long, and then cut
wrench. We submit, that
of all such ought to be
wise.

A negro who had set
himself in a seat with
at the Louisville theatre,
was very unceremoniously
Provost Guard who con-
night, and in the morning
the police. This outrage
upon by Congress at one
"American citizens of A-
not be treated with such
disrespect."

ABOLITION STYLE.—Hos-
nison, a Democratic mem-
ber of the House of Repre-
sents, introduced a bill
recently, to increase the
pay to thirty dollars per
was opposed by the solid
opposition.

On the same day the Ab-
passed a resolution to give
lition committee clerks
day. Comment is unne-
cessary.

THE Douglas Mission
at Chicago have au-
thorized a design for the
ument, the cost not to ex-
ceed \$100,000. The design
is designed to commence to-
morrow about the 1st of
November.

Hon. J. O. Norton re-
cently wrote me a copy of
his report—a document
read by every American with
the truth.

**From Tenn-
ness.**

CHRISTIAN

For two days past the
very cold, and troops on
camp have been suffering
was a slight fall of snow
at night to-night.

All dispatches from this
ing that are considerable
and serious. But two
men to have left for the
probabilities are that the
middle of the winter, re-
overwhelm Sherman by
the troops at Dalton
reinforced Polk. They
willing to give up Dalton
and to give up the whole
back in time to save Atlanta.

A party of guerrillas in
victories against the railroad
in the vicinity of Macon
and to give up the whole
away without doing any
good.

Gen. Steadman has
of the post at Chattanooga
and Brown at Georgia
citizens in their re-
on the east side of the Chatt-
on pain of having all their
families executed.

Gen. Smith and private
company A. 35th Ohio, at
the Libby Prison, came
they were captured
gas, escaped while being
Richmond, Va. Their re-
the 14th of November
through the rebel domin-
rushed Union troops at
they were captured, and
Western North Carolina,
reported to be erecting a
building at Macon, Ga.

Circles.

One of the Browning
ed here this morning
ville, reports the enemy's
very extensive arrange-
ments for the winter
expressed himself dis-
pleasures indicate the bi-
known to history. There
are about equal in num-
each is fully determined
slaughter before surren-
derable that a formidable
will be made by either
army. The
listed veterans will have
Federal armies will be
and ready for the conflict.

Parson Brownlow, who
does property, has been
Communication with
has been restored, altho
that the enemy are deter-
said into Kentucky. New

A Knoxville letter.—New
"Longstreet has 55,000
or eighteen batteries."

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made a re-	West

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...committee of
...Senate on the
...port, which,
...order to
...for \$300,000
...with a proviso
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...the situation
...shall again be li-
...as reported
...he may be drafted
...not, but shall
...United States
...of New York,
...of soldiers
...color, was laid on
...to encourage
...to be printed.
...providing for the
...the owners of
...to erect, as ar-
...to the commis-
...all the surplus;
...that the amount
...today, were nearly
...about \$37,000,
...for gold from
...ments of interest
...of about \$12,000.
...member of the Can-
...mens, differed in
...matter. The amount
...the small and
...Secretary of the
...to buy gold, and
...not trust any other
...would be giving
...case or depress the
...political pleasure.
...announced the fact
...not asked for the
...that, in the course
...to pay an in-
...amount of gold on
...by, the public re-
...cognized to pay the
...debt. It cannot be
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...should let the July
...be anticipated. The
...ard, and, though the
...sure the purse, and
...the small and
...use the power. At the
...arks, Mr. Brooks ex-
...a gentleman to stand
...ated the resolu-
...to his estimate,
...reasury July last
...and over and over
...pay the interest on
...fiance," suggested sup-
...he be desired to offer,
...tary of the Treasury
...of gold coin of
...the debt," to the rate of 6
...and," said the resolu-
...as the basis for
...He argued that
...by borrowing, and
...exceed the income,
...nceptuosity, ruin, and
...ned that the resolu-
...appropriate the surplus
...of the government,
...in the same re-
...serve the public faith,
...at the resolution gave
...to set the gold,
...at the Secretary of
...abandoned all obliga-
...the resolution, be-
...olved a violation of
...the amendment that
...be by bids, with at
...of \$100,000.
...Severe, the resolu-
...tions were recom-
...of W. W. and
...back to move.
...of the House, and
...to the Committee
...proved by that, when a
...narrative has been made,
...all hereafter be made,
...of \$1,000,000, for
...of gold,
...al tender for the dis-
...or, of any judg-
...der, but, still, an
...Quoted a bill, which
...Committee on Military
...a regiment of veteran
...planners, and certain
...to the 325 bounty
...Military Commission,
...a Freedmen's Bu-
...House adjourned.
...ntanooga, Tenn., Feb. 21.
...the night. One re-
...of the night, and
...yesterday and af-
...it is said they were
...ness River below
...the steamer, and
...not get down. An-
...James John Morgan
...ness, River between
...with 10,000 pic-
...of the N. Y. and
...or what they are worth
...veral expectation of
...telligence from late
...perhaps not been pub-
...at Mobile, which cost
...tly consumed by a
...of cavalry were regent-
...ances for. Forrest's
...M. Merriweather, one
...and one by James
...to become a member
...gulate.
...ical papers I have seen
...n, Fernando Wood's
...Congress, not an artist
...of the N. Y. and
...Democratic States
...Geo. B. McChesney
...long accounts of fight-
...to the peninsula op-
...a gunboat of F. Can-
...had thrown up
...peninsula. One of the
...raved in a gale wind
...and staff are stopping at
...Atlanta.
...Idaho, Arrived
...New York.
...New York, Feb. 19.
...the Northern Land Ex-
...from Washington, that
...s killed by Indians
...safely. Capt. Fiske
...in gold, about 100,
...000 miners on the ground,
...mine. Capt. Fiske has
...\$250,000 a present from a
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...of the Yellow Stone
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...national territory to that

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